



# CAWC News

Early 2016 has been an exceptionally busy time at the CAWC as we work to fulfill our mandate of being Canada's leading wound-related knowledge mobilization organization. New opportunities and challenges have been welcomed by our growing staff contingent, particularly in the areas of professional education, advocacy and the implementation of the latest communications technology.

## Professional Education

This spring we partnered with health authorities and others across Canada to deliver on-site education.

The two-day foundational case-based workshop, called Changing Practice through Applied



Knowledge, provides frontline clinicians with basic knowledge and decision-making tools on the major wound types they see in daily practice. In addition, this program supports institutions in the development of their communities of practice. So far in 2016, our schedule has included:

- Cobourg, Ontario, March 4 and 5 – In partnership with Pharmacy 101
- White Point, Nova Scotia, March 30 and 31 – In partnership Nova Scotia Health Authority
- Moose Factory, Ontario, April 2 and 3 – In partnership with Moose Cree First Nation and Health Canada
- Stratford, Ontario, May 20 and 21 – In partnership with South West Regional Wound Care Program

Advances for the Management of Diabetic Foot Complications is an interprofessional workshop that addresses the educational needs of health-

care practitioners involved in the management of the diabetic foot. The 2016 schedule to date for this workshop includes:

- Mississauga, Ontario, April 9 – In partnership with the Ontario Society of Chiropodists
- London, Ontario, April 30 – In partnership with South West Regional Wound Care Program

## Best Practice Recommendation Updates

We have begun updating best practice recommendation (BPR) articles and plan to complete two foundational documents and four BPRs (pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, skin tears and surgical wounds) in 2016. Health-care professionals around the world use these documents to assist with care and policy decision making. We are proud to be the leading Canadian organization

### Spread the Word!

Be part of our grassroots communications by connecting with us on our social media channels. Like, share and retweet our messages so your friends and colleagues become aware of the work we all do together.



#### CAWC:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/woundcarecanada](http://www.facebook.com/woundcarecanada)

Twitter: @WoundCareCanada

#### Diabetic Foot Canada:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/DiabeticFootCanada](http://www.facebook.com/DiabeticFootCanada)

Twitter: @DiabeticFootCa

addressing the specific and universal issues relating to best practice in wounds in a user-friendly format. We are looking forward to updating the remaining BPRs in 2017 and creating new ones for areas that have not yet been addressed. See page 8 for more on this initiative.

## Our Growing Reach

The CAWC continues to use the latest technology to ensure our message gets out to everyone who needs it. Our social media channels continue to grow, in both number and level of engagement. If you are not yet part of the conversation, please consider connecting to our Facebook and Twitter channels.

### Annual Conference

Building on the great success of past years, the Canadian Association of Wound Care will be holding its 2016 Annual Conference November 3–6 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Participants will include researchers, scholars, clinicians, administrators, students and policy-makers from leading universities and other research institutions, hospitals, the community, long-term care, acute care and organizations with a stake in skin health and wound management. Together they will explore pressing wound-related health issues, discuss health promotion technology and share their experiences on this rapidly expanding field.

The title of this year's conference is ***Wounds Across the Continuum of Care: Access, Innovations and Integration***. This title reflects an acknowledgement that gaps in care occur not just within an agency or facility but also when patients transition from one agency or facility to another. It is also reflective of the areas where solutions to the gaps can be found. The intention of conference sessions is to put the focus squarely on the patient.

The general objectives for the conference are:

1. Explore existing and new practice strategies that relate to the prevention and management of wounds.
2. Explore creative practice integration strategies that relate to the prevention and management of wounds.
3. Create an environment that supports collegial and industry interactions and networking.

After every conference we conduct an extensive evaluation to determine what worked, what needs to be improved and what might be missing. As a result, this year we will be adding some special programs and features. Stay tuned for more details!

We are also working on creating a bigger, better website with additional features and functionality to connect with our stakeholders—from frontline clinicians to the general public, media and government decision makers—with the type of information they need, in formats that are useful for them. We will be sharing more information about the new website in the near future.

On the more intimate side, the CAWC is the lead organization in developing and presenting education in April for Ontario lawmakers aimed at increasing awareness about gaps in policy relating to low-cost interventions to prevent complications in the diabetic foot. See page 15 for more on this initiative.



Niagara Falls 2016